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- 1. A special commission is at present engaged in completing plans for the construction of a new system of communications in Istria. Apart from its local significance, this system will play an important part in the overall communications system of Tugoslavia, since it will not only supplement the existing railway links with Slovenia via Losina (Cosina) - Divaca (Divaccia) -S. Peter (San Pietro) - Pestojna (Pestunia), but also link Istria more directly with Croatia.
- 2. Two plans are being studied.
 - The first plan provides for the construction of a railway between Matulje (Mattuglie) (near Fiume) and the existing Divaca - Pola railway via Velesca - Abbasia - Leurana - north of Monte Maggiore (four tunnels to be built) - Lupoglava. A branch line will link the Arsa coal mines with the Pola - Divaca railway.
 - b. The second plan provides for the construction of a railway linking Natulje with the Divaca - Pola railway via Volosca - Abbasia - Laurana southwest toward Area.
- 3. The principal aims behind both these plans are:
 - a. To link Fiume with Pola.
 - b. To link the Arsa coal mines with Fiume and Pola.
 - To link the Istrian communications system with the east, and with Croatia in particular.
 - d. To develop the port of Pola as a trading, naval and submarine base.

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- e. To link the maval port of Pola more directly with the heart of Yugoelevia, thus obvicting the use of the existing railway links that run too dangerously near the Italo Free Territory of Trieste Yugoslay frontiers.
- 4. In addition to the new railways, a new highway is planned to link Fiume with Pola via Pisino.

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